

Important Dates 2023

- 3/31 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- Attend ONE Quality Assurance training:
 - In person Trainings: March 2nd, April 12th, April 29th, May 5th
 - Test out Options by appointment or at LHS April 14th
 - [Online YQCA Training](#) – Certificates due to office by May 26th
- County Project Judging and Livestock Skillathon (July)
- Pullorum Testing for all poultry minus waterfowl and turkeys
 - August 27 – 9-11AM at the Fairgrounds
- Distribute buyer invites for potential Sale buyers
- Hocking County Fair
September 11-16
Poultry Show at the Hocking Country Fair - September 12th

**Remember to
thank your
buyer(s)
after the sale!**

Poultry Help Contacts

Questions about your Poultry project?
Contact a member of the Hocking County 4-H Office or the following project helpers.

Project Help:

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Hocking County 4-H

Species Guide for First Year Projects

Poultry
Market and Fancy
Turkeys and Waterfowl



Project To Do List

Members must follow the guidelines of:

- ☐ **Complete** 4-H Enrollment by 3/31
- ☐ Order Turkeys from an NPPI approved hatchery – Must in possession by 5/15
- ☐ Attend **Quality Assurance** training
- ☐ **Order Broiler Chicks** through Chieftain Feed and Supply by April 22 at 1PM
 - ☐ Each exhibitor must order a minimum of 6 chicks.
 - ☐ Pick up chicks same day they arrive in July.
- ☐ Complete project book and attend **Project Judging and Skill-a-thon** (July)
- ☐ Complete Fair Sign ups in August
- ☐ Bring exhibit to the fair at schedule haul in time.
- ☐ Must exhibit the project in designated class.

Extra Info

- Talk with feed sales for best feeding options
 - Chieftain Feed and Supply: 740-216-4208
 - Hocking Hills Feed and Supply: 740-385-3018
 - Rush Creek Feed: 740-569-4105
- Broilers (Market Chickens) show and sell as a pen of 2 birds.
- Turkeys show and sell as 1 animal
- Market Waterfowl show and sell as a pen of 2.
- Market Geese should be around 5 months old.
- Market Turkeys should be about 18 weeks at the fair

Market Poultry

- Broilers pen of 2 must be 8-12lbs
- Market Turkeys minimum of 25lbs

Resources for Poultry Projects

Poultry Resource Handbook – coming soon for purchase in 2023.

Ohio 4-H Poultry Webpage:

<https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources>

Skillathon Kits – Ask Club Advisor about checking these out from the extension office for club practice.

Never be afraid to ask an experienced showman or family for help!

Equipment and Cost Considerations

Feeder	Shavings
Waterer	Rice brush
Cage and/or Run	Shampoo
Carrier Crate	Heat lamp
Nail Trimmers	Brooder

Poultry Project Categories:

- **150CE Chicken Exhibition**
- **150CM Chicken, Market**
- **150CEP Chicken, Egg Production:**
 - ❖ **Hens and Pullets**
- **150DE Duck Exhibition**
- **150DM Duck, Market**
- **150GE Goose Exhibition**
- **150GM Goose, Market**
- **150TE Turkey Exhibition**
- **150TM Turkey, Market**
- **150H Helmeted Guinea Fowl**

Ohio Hatcheries

Mt. Healthy Hatchery	800-451-5603
Meyer Hatchery	419-945-2651
Eagle's Nest Hatchery	419-562-1993

Exhibiting a Poultry Project

- **Showmanship** is offered, but not required.
- Classes are based on **weight or birthdate (breeding) or type of fowl**.
- **Dress code:** White Button up or white collared shirt; blue jeans

Review the Hocking County Fair Book for all exhibition rules and requirements

